



May 19, 2008

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket 02-33 – Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service by Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Study Areas 482235 and 483308)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Commission's *Wireline Broadband Order*, Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative hereby provides notice of its intent to discontinue offering wireline broadband Internet access service on a tariffed basis. Effective July 1, 2008, Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. plans to offer wireline broadband Internet access service on a permissive detariffed, common carriage basis.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William A. Squires", is written over a horizontal line.

William A. Squires
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Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
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Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service
Effective July 1, 2008

BLACKFOOT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.
(STUDY AREA CODES 482235 AND 483308)

1221 North Russell Street
Missoula, MT 59808
Phone: 406-541-5000
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CC Docket No. 02-33

May 19, 2008

Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Blackfoot") hereby provides notice that it intends to cease offering wireline broadband Internet access service on a tariffed basis. Effective July 1, 2008, Blackfoot will begin offering wireline broadband Internet access service on a Title II, common carriage, permissive detariffed basis pursuant to paragraph 94 of the Federal Communications Commission's Wireline Broadband Order.¹ The geographic areas affected are those Blackfoot exchanges where DSL is technically feasible.

Today, the only customer of this service is Blackfoot's nonregulated affiliate Internet Service Provider ("ISP"). The affiliate purchases wireline broadband access service for use as a component in its broadband Internet service sold to residential and business consumers. End user service provided by the affiliate will not be affected by discontinuance of the tariffed offering by Blackfoot. As stated in the attached customer notice, Blackfoot will continue to offer services to existing ISP customer(s) under current rates, terms and conditions until the end of their current term or upon replacement with a Broadband Commercial Agreement. Broadband Commercial Agreements will be made available in a nondiscriminatory manner to any provider desiring to purchase wireline broadband access service for use as a component in its broadband Internet service sold to consumers.

Effective July 1, 2008, Blackfoot will make its wireline broadband Internet access service on a permissive detariffed, common carriage basis through posting of rates, terms and conditions at www.blackfoot.com. Printed copies will also be available during normal business hours at Blackfoot's

¹ See *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities, Universal Service Obligations of Broadband Providers*, CC Docket No. 02-33, WC Docket No. 05-271, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 20 FCC Rcd 14853 (2005), FCC 05-150 (Rel. September 23, 2005), (Wireline Broadband Order)



May 1, 2008

Company Name

Address

City, State Zip

Re: Service Notification

Dear Valued Customer:

Our records indicate that [Company Name] is currently purchasing wholesale broadband transport services from Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. pursuant to NECA Tariff No. 5 ("Tariff"). This letter is to advise you that Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. study areas 482235 and 483308 (collectively "BTC") will discontinue provisioning service on July 1, 2008 pursuant to the Tariff. Services will be made available to you on a common carrier, non-tariffed basis. The existing relevant rates, terms and conditions will not change until the end of your term or until replaced by a Broadband Commercial Agreement.

The rates, terms and conditions for the Broadband Commercial Agreement will be posted on the following website: www.blackfoot.com. Printed copies are also available during normal business hours at the Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. business office located at 1221 North Russell Street, Missoula, Montana 59808.

The actions described above are taken in accordance with the FCC's Report and Order (FCC 05-150) released September 23, 2005 in Docket No. 02-33. In this order the FCC determined that facilities-based wireline broadband internet service providers could offer their services on a common carrier, permissively detariffed basis.

No action is necessary on your part. However, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wheeler
Carrier and Regulatory Specialist
carrierrelations@blackfoot.com

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Michelle Wheeler, do certify that I have, on this 19th day of May 2008, served by first class mail a copy of the foregoing Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service to the following:

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